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SUBJECT: MBFR: PROCEEDING IN NATO WITH OPTION III

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1. MISSION NOTED IN REFTEL THAT SPC MEETING REINFORCED BY EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS MIGHT HELP OBVIATE NEED FOR A WRITTEN, AGREED ALLIED MILITARY-TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF OPTION III, OF THE SORT DONE BY THE MBFR WORKING GROUP. MISSION ALSO NOTED UK DELEGATION VIEW ON NEED TO BRING IN MBFR WORKING GROUP.

2. TERRENCE WOOD, ASSISTANT IN WEST EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT OF FCO VISITED NATO ON APRIL 15. AT SOCIAL OCCASION HOSTED BY UK DELEGATION OFFICER, AND ATTENDED BY MISSION OFFICER, WOOD TOLD WG CHAIRMAN SMITH (UK) THAT IF AND WHEN NATO CONSIDERED OPTION III, WG WOULD PROBABLY NEED TO STUDY CEILINGS AND DEFINITIONS ISSUES. SMITH DOUBTED THE NEED FOR SUCH A WG STUDY.

3. COMMENT: UK DELEGATION VIEW AND WOOD'S REMARKS POINT TOWARDS LIKELIHOOD THAT UK WILL REQUEST AGREED MILITARY-TECHNICAL ANALYSIS OF AT LEAST CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OPTION III IN MBFR WORKING GROUP. DEPARTMENT, IN RESPONDING TO CONSIDERATIONS RAISED IN REFTEL TO ASSIST IN AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S CONVERSATION WITH UK AND FRG PERMREPS, MAY WISH TO ADDRESS THIS QUESTION EXPLICITLY.

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